

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, 1-3, 6, 8-10, 15 and 17 are amended and new claims 19 and 20 are added. No new matter is added.

The Office Action rejects claims 1 and 3-4 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 1 and 3-4 are amended to obviate this rejection. Withdrawal of the rejection of these claims under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, is respectfully solicited.

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 3, 4 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Aoki (U.S. 2005/0122568). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants' July 10, 2007 Amendment amended independent claim 1 to recite the limitation "releasing the cross-sectional form member from the holding member after the bonding/transferring and laminating." The Remarks in that Amendment argued at length that amended claim 1 distinguished Aoki because the method in Aoki involves first cutting off a two-dimensional photonic crystal plate, picking the plate up and then placing the plate on another two-dimensional photonic crystal plate into which microspheres have been inserted. See Aoki, Fig. 7(a) and 7(b). The Office Action appears to be non-responsive to Applicants' July 10, 2007 Amendment because the Office Action does not mention the above issue or address the previous amendment to claim 1, but instead repeats the identical rejection to original claim 1 in the April 11, 2007 Office Action. Similar to the previous Amendment, Applicants assert that Aoki does not disclose or suggest releasing the first cross-sectional form member from the first holding member after the first bonding/transferring and laminating, as recited in claim 1. Thus, Aoki does not disclose or suggest the subject matter recited in claim 1.

In view of the above, Aoki does not disclose or suggest the subject matter recited in claim 1. Claims 3, 4 and 18 ultimately depend from claim 1. Thus, Aoki does not disclose or

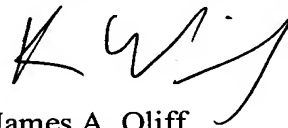
suggest the subject matter recited in claims 1, 3, 4 and 18. Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 3, 4 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is respectfully solicited.

Regarding new claims 19 and 20, these claims correspond to claims 2 and 5, rewritten in independent form. The Office Action objects to claims 2 and 5 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicates that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Thus, new claims 19 and 20 are placed in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-20 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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